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MCLAIN FAMILY BAND WELL-RECEIVED IN THREE PROGRAMMED
CONCERTS (ALL INZJITATIONAL) IN TANZANYA DURING FIRST STOP THEIR
AFRICAN TOUR. GROUP PERFORMED AT UNIVERSITY OF DAR ESLAAAM
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE IN MOROGORO (250 STUDENTS AND FACULTY),
MAY 3, DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL IN DAR ES SALAAM (800 USIS LIBRARY
MEMMMBERS AND AUDIENCE RECORD SYSTEM INVITEES), MAY4, AND
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS EDUCATION QUARDRANGLE IN DAR ES SALAAM (300
STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF HOST COLLEGE AND NEIGHORING TECHNICAL
COLLEGE), MAY6.

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FOUR MCLAINS AND SON-IN-LAW ALL AL WHITE ARE PERSONALE,
EFFECTIVE AND ENTIRELY FLEXIBLE IN RESPONSE TO VARYING DEMANDS
OF LOCAL CONCERT SCENE. WHILE GROUPS WITH STRONG PREFERENCES AS
TO AUDIENCE SEATING ARRAMAMENTS ARE NOT UNCOMMON, THOSE LIKE
MCLAIN S WHO GENTLY PERSIST IN HELPING REARRANGE WHOLE AUDITORIUM
WITH TMIR OWN HANDS ARE RARE.

GROUP VOLUNTARILY MIXES WITH AUDIENCE BEFORE AND AFTER CONCERTS, AND DURING ANY INTERMISSIONS, WITH POSITIVE RESULTS, MEMBERS ARE PATIENT AND ARTICULATE CONVERSATIONALISTS WITH GUESTS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS, REINFORCING AUDIENCE RESPONSE TO THEIR UNIFORMLY EXCELLENT PERFORMANCES OF BLUEGRASS MUSIC.

GROUP DEMONSTRATED ITS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN PERFORMING FOR AUDIENCES FROM DIFFERENT CULTURAL MILIEU.

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JUDGES GROUP AS EFFECTIVE AS ANY SUCH CONCERT GROUP CAN BE WITH LOCAL AUDIENCES, GIVEN ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVE RESPONSE OF UNSOPHISTICATED STUDENTS AND DISPARITY BETWEEN LOCAL MUSICAL TASTES, AS SUCH, AND PERFORMING STYLES OF THIS AND OTHER AMERICAN GROUPS.

MCLAINS SUCCEEDED IN WARMING UP COOL AND DUBIOUS AUDIENCES AT MOROGORO FACULTY AND DAR ES SALAAM COLLEGE. END RESULT WAS LESS THAN LOVE FEAST, BUT CERTAINLY MORE THAN AUDIENCES APPARENTLY EXPECTED. GROUP'S ENTHUSIASM AND CHARM NEVER FLAGGED AND PEAKED WITH SLIGHT ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THEIR PUBLIC.

POST WWF PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED BY SUCCESSES OF DAR DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL CONCERT FOR ITS MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAM AUDIENCES. RESPONSE WAS SWIFT AND ENTHUSIASTIC. LETTER TO EDITOR OF PRINCIPAL DAR NEWSPAPER, DAILY NEWS, MAY 10, PRAISED CONCERT AND COMMENTED SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY, "THE WORLD COULD HAVE BEEN MADE A MUCH HAPPIER PLACE TO LIVE IN IF ONLY ITS NATIONS AND RACES WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH (SUCH EXCHANGES) OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.."

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DAILY NEWS REPORTER SOUGHT OUT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GROUP. NO PRESS COVERAGE HAS APPEARED TO DATE. RADIO TANZANIA HAS BROADCAST SONGS FROM POST-SUPPLIED MCLAIN TAPES. POST WELCOMED IBS BACK-UP FOR TOUR BY VOA BROADCAST OF MCLAIN MUSIC WITH DETAILS OF AFRICAN TOUR. DOWNLEG POSTS SHOULD BE AWARE MCLAIN'S PLAYED SHORT COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS AT LOCAL GAME LODGE, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND MARINE HOUSE PICNIC. GROUP IS GENEROUS TO A FAULT, AND POST ADVISES PROTECTION AGAINST OVER-COMMITMENT. MABBATT

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